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As an ex-employee of Microsoft, I'm still staggered at how you have let the company off the hook.

The incredibly predatory and arrogant way that Microsoft goes about trying to kill off any competition surely has to be stopped. I was at the company when the "Kill Novell", "Kill NetScape", "Kill Oracle", ad infinitum, emails were flying around. No matter what your role was within the company, you were tasked to focus on how you could hurt the competition. Not a nice environment to be working within, especially as working in The Channel, I had a number of close friends working for those companies.

Is it not to the benefit of the customer that there are at least 2 companies/vendors/manufacturers working in any given area? This breeds competition, and ensures that the product/s is/are constantly reviewed and improved upon. It also gives the customer choice. Is that not the fundamental basis of democracy?

It is sad to see, from this side of the pond, that you, the government of the leading capitalist country in the world, cannot take to task one of your own that has clearly operated in such an illegal manner for 25 years.

I look forward to some good finally coming from these proceedings, that have frankly taken far too long already.

Please do not publish my name attached to these comments. I still have friends that work at Microsoft, and they would be mortified if they knew what myself and fellow ex-employees really thought of the company that they serve.

With kind regards

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